

Exhibit B

Consideration of Recognition of the North Carolina Green Party

State Board Meeting • June 30, 2022



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How a Party Becomes Recognized in Our State



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Creation of a New Party

- Group's candidate for Governor, or for presidential electors, received at least 2% of entire vote cast in last preceding general State election.
- By petition which is signed by registered and qualified voters in this State equal in number to 0.25% of the total number of registered voters who voted in the most recent general election for Governor. Must also obtain at least 200 voter signatures from each of 3 NC congressional districts.
- The party had a candidate nominated on the general election ballot of at least 70% of the states in the prior Presidential election.



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The Petition Process



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Petition for a New Political Party

- Initiate Process
 - Submit petition request form to NCSBE.
- Signature Gathering
 - Obtain signatures of at least 200 registered voters from each of 3 NC congressional districts.
 - Obtain signatures from registered and qualified voters in this State equal in number to 0.25% of the total number of registered voters who voted in the most recent general election for Governor: 13,865
 - Use required heading (see next slide).



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Example of Blank Signature Sheet

PETITION TO CREATE A NEW POLITICAL PARTY (NCGS § 163-96 (a)(2))

THE UNDERSIGNED QUALIFIED REGISTERED VOTERS IN _____ COUNTY HEREBY PETITION FOR THE FORMATION OF A NEW POLITICAL PARTY
TO BE NAMED _____ AND WHOSE STATE CHAIRMAN IS _____, RESIDING AT _____, AND WHO CAN BE
REACHED BY TELEPHONE AT _____.

IT IS ILLEGAL TO SIGN THE NAME OF ANOTHER PERSON TO A PETITION. (G. S. 163-221)

BOE ONLY	Line No.	Print your name (Must be printed legibly)	Residential street address	ZIP code	Birth date (DD/MM/YYYY)	Signature	Date (DD/MM/YYYY)
	1						
	2						
	3						
	4						
	5						
	6						
	7						
	8						



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Filing Petition Signature Sheets

- Deadlines
 - To qualify for the 2022 general election, party submits sheets to the county board of elections (CBE) of the county in which the signatures were obtained by 5 p.m. on May 17, 2022.
 - *CBE returns checked sheets along with certification to the petitioner.*
 - Party submits checked signature sheets and certifications to NCSBE by noon on June 1, 2022.
- Other Instructions
 - Must be checked by the individual CBE.
 - May be submitted to the CBEs as collected to assess number of accepted signatures throughout the signature gathering.
 - Signatures must be original (use ink); no electronic signatures or photocopies.
 - No one may sign a petition on behalf of another person.



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County Petition Checking Process

County Board of Elections petition checking process per G.S. § 163-96(a):

- Verification to be completed within 2 weeks from the date submitted.
- Processed through SEIMS Petition Module.
- Examine names and signatures. Statute requires the signatures on the petition be checked against the registration records.
- Confirm if qualified and registered voter in the county.
- Generate report/certificate indicating number of credited and discredited signatures.



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SBE Review of NC Green Party Petitions



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Signatures Credited & Discredited

- 13,865 required (with 200 signatures in 3 congressional districts)
- 22,521 submitted
- 15,953 validated by county boards and under review by NCSBE

Validated signatures over minimum requirement: 2,088



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Petition Review & Investigation

- Starting in early May, several CBEs alerted the NCSBE of irregularities identified during review of petitions.
- NCSBE opened an investigation.
- Staff reviewed every signature sheet received. Sheets were turned in as late as this week.



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Petition Review & Investigation

Numerous petition pages have obvious signs of fraud or irregularities, including:

- Same handwriting throughout and similar signatures
- Numerous lines with incomplete information, or where name, address, or date of birth was crossed out
- Petition sheets with partial dates of birth
- Duplicate voters
- Some of these sheets include the name/initials of the petition gatherer

Other issues include:

- Deceased or long-removed voters included (indicates submission of signature sheets from Green Party's pre-2018 petition effort)
- Signature pages identifying a long-ago chair for the party (also indicating submission of outdated signatures)



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Petition Review & Investigation

Signature gathering consultants/firms hired by Green Party or potential candidate:

- One firm collected around 100 signatures
- Another firm collected more than 1,000 signatures
- 3 individuals hired by contract collected 1,472 signatures; only 624 accepted

Investigations staff and others at NCSBE are continuing to review.



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Example

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AND WHO CAN BE REACHED BY TELEPHONE AT 336-577-1421.

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BOE ONLY	Line No.	Print your name (must be printed legibly)	Residence Address and City/Town (no PO Box numbers)	ZIP code	Birth date (DD/MM/YYYY)	Signature
X	1	Linda Cox	912 Park Summit Blvd	27523		<i>Linda Cox</i>
X	2	Michelle Hightower	107 Rivergreen Ct	27518		<i>M. A.</i>
X	3	Janie Dupree	8205 Cunningham Rd	27597		<i>Janie Dupree</i>
X	4	Zaher El-Assi	901 Wayne Dr	27608		<i>Zaher El-Assi</i>
X	5	Cassie Inscho	129 Gremar Dr	27540		<i>Cassie Inscho</i>
X	6	Sharron Brehl	1040 Wake Towne Dr #410	27609		<i>Sharron Brehl</i>
X	7	Anthony Fiorentino	1019 Windy Rd	27502		<i>Anthony Fiorentino</i>
X	8	Channing Duke	904 Olive St	27502		<i>Channing Duke</i>
X	9	Kathleen Knox	332 Briarfield Dr	27502		<i>Kathleen Knox</i>
X	10	John Matson Jr	236 Terrell Dr	27571		<i>John Matson Jr</i>
X	11	Elaine Dunavant	2933 Mavisbank Cir	27508		<i>Elaine Dunavant</i>
X	12	Tawanda Lassiter	747 Maypearl Ln	27610		<i>Tawanda Lassiter</i>
X	13	Jason Irock	2509 Cotesworth Dr	27597		<i>Jason Irock</i>
X	14	Erica Flory	124 Winchester Dr	27591		<i>Erica Flory</i>
X	15	Diana Brown	8331 Bratt Ave	27587		<i>Diana Brown</i>

SUBMIT COMPLETED FORMS TO THE OFFICE OF (COUNTY) BOARD OF ELECTIONS.

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	Corinthia Evans	2002 Manderleigh Dr	27545		<u>C. Evans</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3	Keyonte Cherry	812 Terrastone Pl	27519		<u>Keyonte Cherry</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4	Demente Blue	1663 Plexor Ln	27545		<u>Demente Blue</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5	Shaneeka Bell	1151 Cannonball Run #301	27545		<u>Shaneeka Bell</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6	Jacob Green	2830 Manocrest Ct #231	27609		<u>Jacob Green</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7	Dondre Griffin	5800 Peacenest Dr	27610		<u>Dondre Griffin</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	8	Eboni Young	506 Glenbrook Dr	27610		<u>Eboni Young</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9	Deosia Goodman	5324 Baywood Forest Dr	27545		<u>Deosia Goodman</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10	Sumone Hardin	7837 Harps Mill Woods Run	27615		<u>Sumone Hardin</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	11	Karrin Kennard	2513 Shepherd Valley St	27610		<u>Karrin Kennard</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	12	Lofton Woods	2301 Fox Ridge Manor Rd	27610		<u>Lofton Woods</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	13	Tajasia Pitts	410 Montview Way	27545		<u>Tajasia Pitts</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	14	Camryn Hunter	404 Little Acres Dr	27545		<u>Camryn Hunter</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	15	Nyjil Thomas	2253 Battston Pl	27545		<u>Nyjil Thomas</u>

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Petition Review & Investigation

Recent outside complaints:

- 145 signatories seeking to revoke their signatures.
- 3 signatories claiming they did not sign (staff investigators have separately identified a handful of people whose signatures were counted but who say they never signed).
- 19 signatories claiming the Green Party never “inform[ed] the signers of the general purpose and intent of the new party,” as required in G.S. 163-96(b).
- Allegations of apparently fraudulent signatures and signatures validated after the deadline.



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Staff Recommendation

- Number of known questionable signatures exceeds the 2,088-signature threshold.
- Requires further investigation, including subject interviews.
- Table consideration to future date.



Criminal Penalties

- Class 2 misdemeanor to sign the name of another person to any petition under G.S. 163-96 for the formulation of a new political party. G.S. § 163-221(a)(2).
 - Any name signed on a petition, in violation of this section, shall be void.
- Class I felony for “any person knowingly to swear falsely with respect to any matter pertaining to any primary or election”. G.S. § 163-275(4).



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Staff Recommendations for Legal Changes

- Request legislative changes, including making it illegal to pay signature gatherers per petition signature.
 - It is already a crime to pay per voter registration form or absentee request form. G.S. §§ 163-237(d4) and 163-274(15).
- Propose rules to help reduce fraudulent petitions, including requiring each petition page to identify the person gathering the signatures and to disclose their contact information.



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Thank You!



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